

Mr. S. Veeriah Reddiar (*Commerce and Industry, North*) :
 ഗവണ്മെന്റിൽ നിന്നും വേണ്ടതു ചെയ്യുകൊള്ളുമെന്നു ഉറപ്പുപറയുന്നതു
 കൊണ്ട് ഞാൻ ഈ അടിയന്തിരപ്രമേയം പ്രസ് ചെയ്യുന്നില്ല.

President : I may assure the honourable member that the matter will be looked into. It is a matter involving the commercial prospects of the whole country.

The next motion is that of Mr. Chidambaram Pillai.

"I beg leave to move for the adjournment of the business of the House for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance namely the serious situation brought about in Nanchinad as the result of most inequitable and irregular methods of distribution of water for irrigation in the land under the Thovela Channel by the recent unexpected breach caused in the 10th (5) Mile of the above channel and the consequent loss and difficulties to which the public are recently put to."

There is no doubt that the matter is of urgent public importance and if the honourable member, after hearing what I have got to say, wants to move the adjournment motion, I shall fix tomorrow for that purpose.

A breach 50 feet long, 20 feet average width and 15 feet height occurred on 30th January 1945. Immediately, the closing of the breach was commenced, all the officers working vigorously at the spot. The breach was closed and water was let into the channel from 2nd February 1945. On account of the prompt action of the departmental officers, the breach was closed and channel head works opened in 48 hours. The paddy fields at the tail end were not affected in the least as a result of the breach. No serious situation has been brought about in Nanchinad on account of any inequitable or irregular method of water distribution as alleged in the adjournment motion. The breach has been the result of the development of a seepage plane into a hole, due to washing out of the finer particles of earth over a long period or other causes not always within control. No loss or any difficulty has resulted from this breach as it is attempted to be made out by the motion. It is not sought to justify the breach, nor is a certain neglect alleged beyond the realm of possibility. Government are greatly concerned over this matter, as they were concerned over another breach that occurred in South Travancore sometime ago. Government are now entering into an exhaustive enquiry as to the liability, if any, of the officers both supervisory and on the spot and the honourable member may be rest assured that every step will be taken to see if there was any default and if it is found out that there was any default on any officer, that will be taken very severe notice of.

If the honourable member wishes to move the adjournment motion, I shall fix tomorrow for the purpose. It is in order.

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Mr. T. M. Chidambarathanu Pillai : I do not move it.

MESSAGE FROM SRI MULAM ASSEMBLY.

Secretary : Sir, I beg to report that the following message has been received from the Secretary to the Sri Mulam Assembly:-

"Under Rule 51 of the Travancore Legislative Rules, I am directed to inform you that at the meeting of the Sri Mulam Assembly held on the 21st February 1945 the Assembly has passed a motion that the Travancore Disposition of Property Bill should be committed to a joint committee of the Sri Chitra State Council and the Sri Mulam Assembly. I am to request that you will be so good as to let me know whether the Sri Chitra State Council concurs in the motion."

BILLS ASSENTED TO BY HIS HIGHNESS THE MAHARAJA.

Secretary : Sir, I beg to report that the following Bills have received the assent of His Highness the Maharaja —

- (i) The Travancore Workmen's Compensation Act (Amendment) Bill.
- (ii) The Travancore District Municipalities Act (Amendment) Bill.
- (iii) The Travancore Provident Funds Act (Amendment) Bill.
- (iv) The Civil Procedure Code (Amendment) Bill.
- (v) Amendment to Order XXVIII of the Civil Procedure Code, 1100.

Mr. K. S. Joseph : Sir, I was bringing to your notice and the notice of the House that we received copies of the Bill that are before the House for today only yesterday evening; and it was not possible to send them earlier because they were passed in the other House only day before yesterday. If we want to send amendments to any of these Bills, we should send them 6 days before. So, we find it impossible to send amendments to the Bill as passed by the Assembly. Would it not be better, therefore, to postpone the consideration of these Bills to a future Session?

President : Sir, As soon as one of these Bills is taken up you may make the motion and the matter will be discussed then.

MOTION CONGRATULATING HIS HIGHNESS THE MAHARAJA FOR THE ABOLITION OF CAPITAL PUNISHMENT.

Mr. M. Govindan (Nominated) : Sir, I wish to move the following resolution before we commence other business of the day.